

## Fact Sheet

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## February 2014 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 11,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs since February 2013, a 0.8 percent increase. The state added 12,200 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs over the year, a 1.1 percent gain.
- Since January 2014, the state lost 1,200 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, a 0.1 percent decrease. Kansas was down 2,300 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs since last month, or 0.2 percent.
- Kansas gained 10,700 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.8 percent increase. Kansas gained 10,600 private sector jobs since February 2013, a 1 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas added 6,000 nonfarm jobs, a 0.4 percent increase. Kansas lost 2,800 private sector jobs since January 2014, a 0.3 percent decrease.
- The February 2014 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, up from 4.8 percent last month and down from 5.6 percent in February 2013.
- The February 2014 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.5 percent, up from 5.4 percent in January 2014 and down from 5.9 percent one year ago.

*Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).*

- Nine of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
  - Professional and business services increased by 6,700 jobs, a 4.3 percent gain. Growth was seen throughout the sector.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities gained 4,900 jobs, a 1.9 percent increase. The gains were seen in wholesale and retail trade.
  - Education and health services gained 2,000 jobs, a 1.1 percent increase, with gains in both educational services, and healthcare and social assistance establishments.
- Two of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the year job losses. These were in:
  - Manufacturing declined 4,600, or 2.8 percent. All of the loss was in durable goods.
  - Leisure and hospitality was down 2,200, or 1.9 percent, with reductions seen throughout the sector.
- Five of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month job gains. The largest gains were in:
  - Government gained 8,800 jobs, a 3.5 percent increase, with seasonal upturns at state and local levels.
  - Other services added 600 jobs, or 1.2 percent.
  - Professional and business services was up 500, or 0.3 percent, with additions mainly in professional, scientific and technical services.

- Education and health services was up 500, or 0.3 percent, with gains in educational services.
- Six of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the month job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
  - Construction dropped 2,500, a 4.6 percent reduction, with downturns seen throughout the sector.
  - Manufacturing lost 800, or 0.5 percent, with all the loss in durable goods.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities decreased 800 jobs, a 0.3 percent decline. Declines were mainly in retail trade.
- There were 11,121 initial claims for unemployment benefits in February 2014, down from 15,709 initial claims in January 2014 and down from 16,387 last year. There were 100,071 continued claims in February 2014, down from 108,341 the previous month and down from 137,463 in February 2013. These numbers include all available programs.

The March 2014 Labor Report will be released on April 17, 2014.

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